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JOHANNESBURG FOR CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OREP, PORG

SUBJECT: VISIT OF CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN SOLARZ

REF: NICOSIA 836

1. DEPARTMENT STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU MAINTAIN TURKISH CYPRIOT ELEMENT OF YOUR CYPRUS SCHEDULE, WHICH INCLUDES VISIT TO FAMAGUSTA AND DINNER WITH DENKTASH, AND POSTPONE YOUR DEPARTURE FROM LARNACA UNTIL EARLY IN THE MORNING OF APRIL 4. NOT ONLY DO WE BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL FIND IT USEFUL TO HAVE EXPOSURE TO CURRENT VIEWPOINTS IN BOTH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES; BUT WE CAN WELL IMAGINE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY MIGHT FEEL SLIGHTED SHOULD YOU VISIT CYPRUS AND MEET ONLY WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP.

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2. SINCE ESENBAGA AIRPORT CLOSES AT 1900, THIS MEANS THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO SPEND THE NIGHT OF APRIL 3 IN CYPRUS. YOU COULD THEN LEAVE AS EARLY AS 0600 FROM LARNACA, ARRIVING AT ESENBAGA AT 0745 IN TIME FOR A FULL MORNING'S ACTIVITIES. A LATER DEPARTURE COULD ALSO BE ARRANGED, BUT THIS WOULD MEAN CANCELLING OR COMPRESSING THE EMBASSY BRIEFINGS IN

ANKARA WHICH WE UNDERSTAND HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE MORNING OF APRIL 4.

3. WE HAVE ALERTED AIR FORCE TO POSSIBILITY THAT LARNACA

DEPARTURE MAY BE RESCHEDULED FOR EARLY MORNING APRIL 4.

4. FOR NICOSIA: SUGGEST YOU RESERVE ROOM FOR CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ AT HILTON FOR NIGHT APRIL 3. COOPER

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